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**Letter dated 9 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the
President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I am writing to you in response to the statement that the Permanent Representative of Somalia delivered before the Security Council regarding agreements that have been concluded with the authorities of Somaliland. That statement, which was delivered at the Security Council meeting that took place on 27 March 2018 to consider the situation in Somalia (S/PV.8215), runs counter to the deep and long-established relations between the United Arab Emirates and Somalia.

In that connection, I should like to reiterate that the United Arab Emirates remains resolutely committed to maintaining the unity and stability of Somalia, and to providing it with all forms of support, in particular security and military support, which includes training the Puntland coast guard and supporting its efforts to counter piracy and terrorism.

Furthermore, I should like to reaffirm that the United Arab Emirates respects the sovereignty, Constitution and laws of Somalia. Accordingly, all the agreements that the United Arab Emirates has entered into with the Somali regions were concluded on the basis of the powers vested in the heads of those regions, and it is for the federal authorities to engage with their regional counterparts to clarify the nature of those agreements and complete the relevant processes.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lana Zaki **Nusseibeh**
Ambassador
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